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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

January 1923! A new year, new promises, new hopes! Then the question arises: is it going to be a better year? Of course it is, and all of us are going to do our share toward making it so.

As far as we flower lovers are concerned it is going to be a more beautiful year. How glorious it would be if all should make a resolution to induce at least one friend whose grounds are not made attractive by God's wonderful gift of flowers to put forth an effort to make them so.

In Kansas we note with pleasure a movement which will do a great deal to bring the message of beautiful flowers to the people of that state. There are to be floral highways as a lasting tribute to the soldiers who laid down their lives in the Spanish-American War. The work is in charge of the Woman's Auxiliary and seeds will be planted along the roadsides by the Boy Scouts on their hikes. Young and old alike are thus uniting in this commendable work.

In these days of the automobile there will be many from other states passing through Kansas who will carry back home vivid pictures and descriptions of the beauty of these flowers along the roadsides and it is believed this movement will spread so that there will be thousands of miles of floral highways.

The Editor, the Publishers, all of us who help in sending Parks Floral Magazine to you wish you a very Happy New Year!

HILL AND HOLLOW PAPERS

We have given you these sketches of country life for a year and now we are wondering what you have thought of them. Mrs. Davis has written an interesting article for us for this number, but there will be no Hill and Hollow Paper. We aim to please you, we want to give you to read just exactly what you want to read and what will be of most benefit to you in your work among flowers, so we ask you: do you like this department, or what changes can we make so that it will prove of more interest and value to you?

THE PINE TREE NATURE CLUB

The Bird Woman's last article of the series appears in this issue. Read it, then call to your mind what you have read throughout the year and write us just how you like this department. We hope that you have found the Nature Club talks of interest, but we can never be sure until you tell us. Perhaps you know how to make it more interesting? We welcome constructive criticism in all our departments.

SELECTING DESIRABLE TREES

Before ornamental tree-planting for town or city streets is undertaken, a number of important points must be given attention. Trees native to one part of the United States may not thrive in another region. Some trees are

objectionable because their roots penetrate defective sewers, while others grow their roots so near the surface that they have a tendency to heave or crack sidewalks.

Only vigorous trees that will withstand the dust and smoke of a city should be planted to ornament the streets. The root system should be hardy, not easily affected by unusual soil conditions, by restricted feeding areas, or by root pruning in case street improvements are made. The resistance of the tree to fungi, insect pests, and tree diseases is an important consideration. Trees that bear showy flowers, fruits, or nuts are usually undesirable for street planting.

Oaks are considered to be the best trees for street planting. It is probable that oaks have not been more widely planted because of the prevalent belief that they are slow growers, and because in the North they are rather difficult to transplant. A white oak, however, which is one of the slow-growing varieties, will reach the same height as a sugar maple in the same period of time.

Elms are given second place sycamores third, maples are considered less desirable than generally supposed. Except the Lombardy poplar, most varieties of poplar are not recommended. Palms do not make good shade trees, although they are effective in formal planting. Only in the most southern parts of the country and in western California should evergreen trees be considered for street planting. Magnolias, live oaks, and a few other broad-leaved evergreens may be used in these regions. Where there is lack of sunshine in winter it is desirable to admit all the light possible by using only deciduous trees. Narrow streets should be planted with tall, slender trees like Lombardy poplar, while broad streets may be planted with spreading trees. As a rule, native trees that have been tried out successfully in other towns of the same general locality should be given the preference.

For use within reach of ocean spray or on sandy lands near the coast the red oak and the red, or scarlet, maple are suitable as far south as Charleston, S. Car., while the sweet gum, and the live oak are equally good from Norfolk southward and along the Gulf of Mexico. The red oak, sweet gum, red maple, and eastern live oak are all grown successfully along the Pacific Ocean, while the California live oak can be used from San Francisco southward. The trees that endure the most alkali appear to be the bladdernut tree, London plane, peppermint gum, and its variety Eucalyptus amygdalina angustifolia, and the Washingtonia and other hardy palm trees. The red oak and red maple are worth testing for alkali conditions.

Study your own conditions, and plant those varieties best suited to them. Ask your Shade Tree Commission or somebody who is a good authority, remembering always, that large, handsome, well-shaped trees are one of your community's greatest assets.



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LATE PLANTED BULBS

SPRING-FLOWERING bulbs can be planted as late in the season as they can be provided with a covering. When people know ahead of time that they are not able to plant early in the season, they often prepare their beds as if to plant and then cover them over with heavy litter so as to prevent the ground from freezing. If this has been done the covering is simply removed, the bulbs are planted, and the litter is put back on top.

When beds have not been prepared before hand there are other ways of handling the situation. There will often be a few warm days when the soil can be worked and the bulbs set out. If you do not wish to wait for them remove the snow, leaves and whatever else may have collected on your bed, and level it off. Then set your bulbs on top of the bed and cover them. Soil for this purpose is sometimes kept in the cellar, or there may be a spot about your place where the soil is not frozen and can be dug. Another

source of supply is the vegetable cellar. By this time some of the vegetables which you had stored away will have been eaten and you can use the dirt which was around them.

A good rule to follow in planting your bulbs is that the depth should be three times the average diameter. This same rule can be fol-

lowed with the late planted bulbs; they can be covered three times their average diameter. More causes of interior blooms are due to the fact that the bulbs have not been set deep enough than the people realize. When planted they take root in the ground so that if they are too near the surface the heaving of the upper crust of soil in mild winters from alternate freezing and thawing will often cause the bulbs to break from their roots, and bulbs need good, strong roots to produce the finest

blooms.

The varieties planted at this time of the year are perfectly hardy and the heaviest freeze will do the bulbs and roots no harm. However, it is a good plan to cover your beds with litter after freezing weather has begun. For this purpose leaves, straw and stable manure are used. The litter prevents the heaving of the soil and should be removed by degrees early in the spring.

Editor.

Our illustration gives a splendid idea of the varied form of Narcissus. No. 1 is the single trumpet

VARIOUS TYPES OF NARCISSUS

Emperor and No. 2 Narcissus Pseudo Golden Spur, popular all-yellows. No. 3 shows the shorter cup of Poeticus, while No. 4 is the Jonquilla variety with more than one flower to a stem. No. 5, Bulbocodium Monophyllum, is not familiar to most of us. In No. 6 we see the largest golden yellow, King Alfred.



A PLEA FOR CONSERVATION

WHEN the subject of the conservation of our wild flowers and birds is under discussion, the following lines by Ralph Waldo Emerson always come to mind.

"Hast thou named all the birds without a gun?
Loved the wood-rose and left it on its stalk?
At rich men's table eaten bread and pulse?
Unarmed, faced danger with a heart of trust?"

And so well loved a high behavior
In man or maid, that from speech refrained,
O, be my friend, and teach me to be thine."

Now I am no rabid conservationist, for if there is anyone I hate it is the individual who seeks a means of cheap notoriety by trying to impress the people that all wild flowers are in danger of extermination if laws are not passed for their protection. I know the brood, for I have listened to their talk, and have gone with them on many a field trip, only to become convinced that they do not practice what they preach; for they collect as many specimens as they are able to carry home. I would not, if it were in my power, be a party to any legislation that would deny the people the pleasure and inspiration that comes from the gathering of a few wild flowers, for the majority of them are so constituted as to be able to take care of themselves. But, if there are many that are so constituted, there are others that are not so, and it is for these that I plead.

We are apt to give an excuse for the inconsiderate gathering of our wild flowers, our love for the beautiful; but one would imagine that if such individuals, who are the greatest offenders in this regard, really possessed an inherent love for the beautiful, they would enjoy these floral beauties in their native habitat, and refrain from gathering them, so that others may also enjoy them. We must not lose sight of the fact that there are

others still living who would enjoy them in their native home, while there are countless numbers still unborn who ought to be considered. This inconsiderate gathering of wild flowers is an impulse that is hard to define. Some are inclined to believe that it is our inherent love for the wild things that prompts them to gather them, but I am of the opinion that it is simply a desire for possession. This desire for possession is an inherent fault in many of us, and one which we are very apt to confound with a love for the beautiful. In our desire for possession we gather immense bouquets of our wild flowers, only to discard them when

they wilt in our hands, or when we tire of carrying them about. Every spring, in my rambles through the woods, I come across such acts of vandalism in the shape of large bouquets of withered blossoms by the wayside. How much better for all concerned, had these offenders let them remain where they were, to cheer others who might come to the woods for pleasure or inspiration.

Possibly our greatest offenders in this respect are those who make a business of collecting our wild plants for the trade. There are annually collected

by these professional collectors millions of lily bulbs for the domestic as well as the foreign trade. Other bulbous plants, as well as immense quantities of perennials, suffer the same fate. Most, if not all, of these could be propagated by either seeds or cuttings, but such individuals aver that it is too slow, and does not pay—it is so much cheaper to go out into the woods and pull them up root and all.

In the eastern states the trailing arbutus is fast disappearing, and in localities where it was once particularly abundant, it is now seldom found. The lady-slippers are also suffering the same fate,



A GRACEFUL LADY SLIPPER

and it is not to be wondered, for there is something so fascinating about these shy denizens of the woods that impels one to pull them up and transfer them to the confines of the garden, where they will no doubt languish and ultimately perish if their requirements are not understood. The Rhodora, Rhododendron canadense, that was so esteemed by the Sage of Concord as to have earned for itself the appellation of Emerson's Flower, is also not so abundant as formerly.

Out here in the West there are also a few wild flowers that are candidates for extermination if laws are not passed for their preservation. One of these is our Rose-bay, Rhododendron californicum. In some localities where it is not particularly abundant it is being so badly treated that the bushes are spoiled for some years to come. One plant that enjoys some protection, at least in our national parks, is the snow-plant, Sarcodes sanguinea. In the Yosemite National Park a fine of \$25 is imposed for each specimen collected. Yet despite notices posted conspicuously through the park, people will collect it, and suffer the consequences. Such is the beauty of its flaming spikes of scarlet bells that people cannot control their desire to possess it.

If we are to have laws passed for the preservation of our wild flowers let it be done with discretion; let us first ascertain which of our wild flowers are in need of help, and which are able to fight their own battles. Most of our wild flowers are fully able to win out in their struggle for existence, and it were foolish to legislate in their behalf, for it would deprive many of the pleasure of gathering them. Laws should be passed prohibiting the collecting of certain flowering plants for the market and also prohibiting the gathering by anyone of certain plants that are in danger of being exterminated. In these days of motoring the automobilists are great offenders in this regard, for they gather loads of berries and flowers to carry with them to the cities.

Antone J. Soares, Calif.

PROTECTING EVERGREENS IN TENNESSEE MOUNTAINS

It has been our aim at "Brookcroft", hidden away in a ravine in the Tennessee mountains, to protect the native trees, rhododendron, laurel, ferns and wild flowers that grow about the place.

Overlooking the rustic footbridge which connects the home with a spring of pure water a few feet away, and at either end of it, are two stately hemlock trees, and when winter snows come, these trees form

an arch, or tunnel, through which we pass back and forth over the foot-bridge. They present a scene of grandeur at such times, and in fact are pretty at all times. I think it was Joyce Kilmer, who wrote:

"A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts its leafy arms to pray."

This is especially impressive about the



AN EVERGREEN WORTH PROTECTING

time of Christmas. From my window, at the twilight hour, I have seen the light from our home play upon these hemlock trees, and in their snowclad form it was very pretty indeed. With the stirring of the wind among the boughs there seemed to go up a "Merry Christmas" to the God of Nature and all mankind.

A few steps from the footbridge are the spring, the springhouse and the stone walls about the place. Covering them are the beautiful native mountain ferns, and growing all around is the pretty shrubbery of the Tennessee mountains. Resting against a holly tree is a rustic seat for visitors who may come to the spring. Many pilgrims have here tarried and communed with Nature, and the birds make it their sanctuary.

The place is simplicity itself and there is nothing expensive connected with it. The plan of the home in the preserving of the Evergreens has been in a most natural fashion. Flower lovers, I am sure, will derive much benefit by protecting the Evergreens and wild flowers common to their regions, and add much to the attractiveness of their homes by giving them a place in the landscape gardening.

Mrs. J. D. Burton, Tenn.

MY BELGIAN HYBRID GLOXINIAS

I often see illustrations of gloxinias in seed and plant catalogues and in floral magazines, but none are like the gloxinias I have and I have never succeeded in getting a photograph that quite does the plants justice. Perhaps that is because I do not always take the necessary care of the plants to have them show off their best. Instead of all the leaves, and flower stems as well, coming from a crown, my plants form a strong stem from eight inches to two feet in height. If allowed to grow without support they fall down and form drooping plants, for, strong as the stems are, the leaves are too heavy to be held upright by them. The flowers are much larger than any I have ever seen in a greenhouse and no description can give one a true idea of their rich, velvety appearance. The great, large leaves are always beautiful, too, and I think I would want to keep the plants if they never bloomed.

The care I give these gloxinias differs from all the directions I have ever read about them, for I do not dry off the plants for winter. When the last flowers have dropped, which is usually some time in November, I simply do not water them as often as while they were in bloom. They are on a high shelf out of the way, the large, velvety leaves hanging over and often quite hiding the pots. I examine the soil perhaps as often as once a

week and by putting my finger down into it decide when they need more water. This is given very sparingly, my object being to keep the soil just damp enough not to be dust dry. The foliage keeps a bright green all winter. Usually in February, or any time from then on through the winter and spring, the new sprouts appear. I give a little more water when I see them, but still do not water freely as I aim to keep the plants too dry to grow.

If leaves turn yellow I clip them off, being careful not to disturb those remaining. In April nearly all my gloxinias

gave evidence of new growth while the crimson one had two strong stems and the earliest blooms I ever had. I have raised a few plants from seed, and a few from leaf and one from a stem cutting, but am not very successful in getting new plants, or in carrying them over until blooming size. Those I dried off according to directions never started when spring came.

Perhaps I should tell you that all my gloxinias were sprouted when I got them, and were labeled "Belgian Hybrids". The flowers are frequently three and a half inches across and I fancy I have been fortunate in getting a good strain of these desirable plants.

If I say that during the summer I give the gloxinias the same care I give geraniums I presume most of you readers would know how they are cared for. I will say, however, that the geraniums are placed next the glass and the gloxinias, while they have plenty of light, are never put close to the window. When no plants

are between them and the glass, as in winter, they are two feet from it, near the top of the window.

Susan Tucker,
Wash.



GLOXINIA IN FULL BLOOM

plenty of time then for reading." That was her view.

My view: In youth is the day to store up knowledge for future use, whether it be floral knowledge or whatever kind it may be. I owe my later success with gardens and flowers to a very thorough parent who taught me to make a garden, also how to tend it, together with an unusual love of nature, and all that is lovely.

Children, boys, and girls, begin your love of flowers and gardening early, before too many other things come along to claim your attention and your knowledge of flowers is put off until you have not time to give to floral work.

Wild Rose, Ariz.

AS OTHERS SEE IT, AND AS I

I once asked a young neighbor of mine if she did not want to read my floral magazines? Her reply was this, with a toss of the head to emphasize it, "Oh my no! What use have I for a flower book? I have no place now to grow flowers and when I do get one, if ever, there will be

A PAGE OF CHRISTMAS CACTUS

DROPPING THEIR LEAVES

When a Christmas Cactus drops its buds, or seems sickly in foliage, it is an evidence that the soil is too wet and that the drainage is insufficient. The plant likes a very sandy soil, and blooms more freely when root-bound, but it must not have its roots so crowded as to obstruct the drainage. When the soil becomes sour it injures and destroys the roots. and when in that condition, the only remedy is to repot the plant or divide it and start new plants from the cuttings. Many persons, when the foliage of a Christmas Cactus begins to drop off, apply more water, the very thing that should be avoided. Florence Wood, Iowa.

MORE SUGGESTIONS

I had a Christmas Cactus that did not bloom, so I dug a trench around the stalk and gave it several applications of nearly boiling hot water, also water in which fresh meat had been washed, applying the latter as a fertilizer about once in two weeks. I gave the plant a sunny location and was repaid by seeing it bloom beautifully in January. I am a great lover of flowers, so much so much so that I can look at one, then take a needle with colored threads and make its likeness on cloth. I have many valuable pieces of linen worked with different kinds of flowers.

T. W. W. Kans.

CARE OF THE PLANT

The Christmas Cactus is a native of the desert and should be potted in sandy soil. In the spring, about May 20th, I set my flower pots in which these cactus are planted out in the garden where they will have the hot sun all summer and no water except the rain.

When the first frost comes I take them in and set them in a sunny window and water sparingly. They bud in a few weeks. We had three plants in bloom in

February that first had flowers on in early December. The plant never fails and a small rooted cutting will often bloom.

Mrs. Wm. Crawford, Ind.

ALSO KNOWN AS CRAB CACTUS

The Christmas Cactus is botanically known as *Zygocactus truncatus*, also as *Epiphyllum truncatum*, but the name it receives from the fact that it is usually covered with blooms at Christmas time sounds so much prettier, for it suggests the gay holiday season. The leaves, on which there are found none of the usual cactus prickles, resemble the claws of a crab in their formation and for this rea-



THE PRETTY CHRISTMAS CACTUS

Crab's Claw Cactus.

In summer the plants, pot and all, are plunged in a bed in full sunshine, where Nature cares for them. It is in this dry, hot season that the buds are forming, and when the plants are transferred to the plant window the buds will begin to de-

velop.

It has been told us by a woman who so treats her plants, that if all the new growth is pinched off in August, buds will start on every end by November first. This

will insure blooms for the holidays.

The Christmas Cactus likes a sunny situation and requires a richer soil than other varieties, about half sand, and good drainage. Watering should be carefully regulated when it is growing, for although the plant needs moisture, should the soil be allowed to sour, the roots will be injured and the plant will fail to bloom. During the resting period the plant should be watered only enough to prevent it from drying up. If you want to repot your Christmas cactus, do so after it finishes blooming, or before spring.



ANIMALS

HOW many animals that live in the fields and woods near your home can you name at sight? What can you tell about their traits and their home life? I expect the boys can beat the girls answering the first question, for boys are better woodsmen; then, too, many of them are hunters and trappers. But one can't learn much about the nature of an animal when it is trapped or dead, so if we are going to study them for the pleasure of knowing more about them we must go hunting with the field glass and leave the gun at home. The more we come to know of the ways of our wild brothers the more interested we get, and the more surprised we are to find they have so many traits that are "just human". All nature study strengthens our observation; studying animals gives us not only open eyes but kinder hearts.

Now the definition for animals is "anything endowed with life that is not a plant". A more explicit word to use is mammals, for "a mammal is characterized by having a more or less hairy body, and in suckling its young, while it has warm blood like the birds". They tell us the lower mammals do not reason, but when, before lying down for their noon-day rest, deer go back a little way on their tracks to make sure they are not being followed, it would seem that they are acting with a good deal of reason.

Last summer I had climbed a rocky hillside looking for ferns, and while sitting at the foot of a ledge in a maple grove I saw a woodchuck peering around a rock at me. I moved, and it quickly disappeared. Presently I heard a dreadful squealing and complaining, so I crept around the ledge to see what was happening. I expected to see the woodchuck having a battle with some other wood dweller, and what was my surprise to see her hurrying along with a half-grown woodchuck baby in her mouth, much as a cat carries her kitten. The little fellow was struggling and protesting, but Mother Woodchuck kept right on till she got to a hole in the rocks, through which she disappeared with her unruly child. There wasn't another sound to be heard, and I'm still wondering what she said or did to the baby when she got him home to make him stop crying so suddenly. Evi-

dently the mother thought it was not safe for Chucky to be playing out on the rocks after she saw a "human" around.

Witmer Stone tells about a little woodchuck he once raised. It had been brought home uninjured by a dog. "If I remember rightly", he says, "the original price of the animal was thirteen cents with a much damaged fish line and hook thrown in. He was much too young to eat solid food, so we fed him on milk with a bottle and rubber nipple. When being fed he always sat up perfectly straight, grasping the rubber firmly between his little black hands, which always looked as if clothed in close-fitting black gloves, so sharply was the line drawn between the black of his paws and the brown fur on his wrists and shoulders. When nearly satisfied he would grip it so tightly that none of the milk could escape and, taking it from his mouth, turn away his head for a few seconds of breathing space and then fall to again. He grew rapidly on this diet, and soon developed a liking for green things generally, especially caraway blossoms. As these grew far out of his reach, often three or four feet from the ground, he found it necessary in order to get at them to sit up beside the stem and, grasping it in his paws, bend it over towards him, pulling it down, hand over hand, until he had reached the umbel shaped cluster of the flower, every particle of which he ate, allowing the stalk to spring back into place, when he had finished. Strangely enough, he never troubled the vegetables in the garden in any way, although allowed to wander about the place at his own discretion. He managed to get along fairly well with the cats, though there was not much affection on either side. Whenever he saw one of them drinking milk from a saucer, he liked to come up swiftly from behind and nip its heels, and then scuttle off to some place of concealment in time to escape punishment. He often persisted in this amusement until the cats retired in disgust, whereupon he would proceed to help himself to the milk they had left. If he felt sleepy, he would sit upright, letting his head hang down until his nose almost reached his hind feet, and then drop over on one side, rolled up into a perfect ball."

Do I hear some one ask, "What became of him?" Late in the summer he ran away,—just skeddaddled, and went off to live in a burrow like other self-respecting woodchucks.

No one can read about a colony of beavers without feeling positive that they have reasoning powers and use them in their daily lives. Formerly there were many more beavers in this country than there are to-day, for they have been trapped and persecuted until no sign of them remains in places where they once dwelt in great numbers, except here and there a green meadow which is still called "a beaver meadow", because beavers cleared the land and made it long ago.

When beavers start out to form a new settlement, they first select a suitable place for their pond, then they go to work building their dam. They fell trees by gnawing deep parallel grooves around the trunk, then, using their broad teeth as a carpenter does his chisel, they remove the wood between the grooves in large chips. They continue working in this way until the tree falls, after which they trim off the branches and cut up the trunk into lengths which can be dragged to the water. They wisely bend the dam against the current to prevent the pressure of water carrying it off, and the short logs of which it is built are watted together and filled in with earth and stones. The dam completed, their next job is the building of winter cabins at the edge of the water. These are similar to muskrat houses, are made of sticks and brush, and plastered with sods. A supply of birch, poplar and other wood is laid in near the cabins for winter food when the pond is frozen over and other food falls short. Occasionally an old bachelor lives in a lodge apart from the rest and doesn't have much to say to them, but usually they are very social and neighborly, busy and contented in their little settlement. When the colony gets so large there is danger of the food supply being insufficient, the youngest generation starts out to found a new colony. They start off in pairs in early fall, accompanied by the old ones, and the latter set to work and help the "young folks" build their dam and cabins and get in their winter supply of wood before they return to their own settlement.

Of an entirely different order of intelligence is the little animal known as the opossum, whose best accomplishment is his trick of feigning death, "playing possum" when danger threatens. When he plays possum he draws back the gums from his glittering white teeth, and with his lean white jaws and black withered ears and skinny tail he surely does look

dead enough. The opossum is interesting as belonging to that remarkable class of animals which are born at an undeveloped stage and ride around in their mother's pouch for a length of time varying from several weeks to a number of months. An opossum, a kangaroo and a mouse; when first born, are about the same size, but the mouse will be scamp-ering about gnawing holes in the wood-work long before the kangaroo is out of his mother's pocket, for it remains there for a period of eight months or more. Even after it has learned to walk it gets back into the pouch for a ride when tired. Opossums stay in the pouch several weeks, and when they first come out they ride on their mother's back, their tails twisted about that of their parent so there is no danger of their falling off. Aside from furnishing the colored population with fun and food, the possum is said to be an economic asset. "He is the natural enemy of the cotton rat, a destructive rodent living in vast numbers in the seaboard marshes of the Southern States. If all the food eaten by a possum during the year were divided into two piles according to its economic status in relation to the interests of mankind,

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But the wintry winds will cease,
While I listen to the spring song,
The robin's song of peace.
A soft, warm breeze is blowing,
First harbinger of spring;
The brook in music's flowing,
The woods with echoes ring.

The pussy willow takes the hint,
And throws out balls of white,
Then softly dons its emerald robe
In sheen of golden light.
But the flowers will slumber yet awhile
Till they hear the children call,
'I think it is time to get up, little bulbs,
And off let your brown clothes fall!'

And soon Johnny-Jump-Up, to behold
What his neighbors are about,
Finds the crocus slyly peeping
To be the earliest out.

In the finest of colors and texture,
The daintiest, silken, spring gown,
With envy, the other sweet flowers
Are going to send out to town.

The daffy-down-dilly, soon to spring up
From her corner, is gaily arrayed
In the prettiest bonnet of purest gold,
Most lovely and fairest e'er made.
The beautiful snowdrop, though rather late,
And tulip and hyacinth slow,
Are planning a great spring carnival.
Just hear them under the snow!

"We're waiting for beautiful spring to come,
The time of the buds and the flowers,
For our blankets of snow to melt away,
And for soft and gentle, warm showers."
Oh, my heart is filled with gladness,
As the signs of spring I see,
And I give a joyful welcome
To the robin in the tree.

—Mrs. J. Wiley, Mich.

fine for Christmas decoration.

But in the words of this man who was wondrous wise: "Why confine the Christmas spirit to one week or two? Why not have it all the year? And particularly, why not enjoy holly berries outdoors all winter in our own yard?"

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Last year I bought some bulbs in January, so I dug a little trench along the south edge of the rose bed, in front of a wall of the famous Jackmanii clematis, of all colors. This I filled in with dry dirt that I stole from the beets in the cellar, and then set the bulbs, ten large hyacinths and fifteen shining brown tulips, surrounding each with dry soil, and covered them with stable litter. The blooms were lovely, so I shall never worry again, but plant them whenever I have time.

Mrs. E. Heacock, Ind.

PREVENTING HOLLYHOCK RUST AND PAEONY BLIGHT

The rust of hollyhocks is carried over winter by the old, diseased leaves, say the plant disease specialists of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Much to prevent the disease another year can be done by gathering and destroying by burning, during the fall, of all diseased leaves.

They also tell us that paeony blight can be overcome to a great extent by gathering and burning, each fall, all paeony foliage. The dead leaves, stalks and stubble should be removed clear down to the live roots. Never use fresh manure about the plants; use only well-rotted composts and commercial fertilizers.

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'Cept when the sun is setting o'er the hill,
Or Sol is smiling at the break of day,
With inspiring thoughts all of our souls to fill.

The wind blows fiercely 'round so loud and strong,

It raps on each and every window-pane,
As if it wanted entrance, for its song,

To enter and be off right soon again.
The stars o'erhead do seem a-shivering some,
As the silver moon goes sailing through the sky.

And squirrels are cuddled up and think it fun,

So warmly nestled in the trees up high.
The howl of wolves we hear and foxes call,
But never mind, our cabin's safe and sound,

Enough weird sounds to start and scare us all,
Yet inside our cabin's warm and joys abound.

And thus our mountain home's a happy home,

Where peace and plenty reign through all the year.

The seasons come and go with worries none,
To fill our happy home with ought but cheer.

Albert E. Vassar, Mo.

A WORD OF CAUTION TO LOVERS OF PRIMULA OBCONICA

Though one of the loveliest and most easily grown of winter bloomers, the primula obconica contains some poisonous principle that is apt to cause a painful skin affection to the one who handles it. Generally the hands and face are affected and it is often mistaken for eczema. Some people seem to be immune and may handle it with impunity, while others are affected by going into a room where these plants are growing. The plant wizard who will succeed in eradicating this poisonous principle from the otherwise very desirable plants will confer a real boon to flower lovers.

Mrs. W. J. Church, Pa.

SNOWDROPS

The first flowers to bloom here in Virginia are the snowdrops. They usually start in early January and if the winter is mild some blossoms can be found on New Year's Day.

My Snowdrops are planted inside the wire fence of the vegetable garden, for it is no use to plant them where poultry can reach them; the fowls are sure to pick off the blooms the minute they appear. As the weather is too cold to enjoy flowers out of doors very much in winter, I always gather my Snowdrops when they bloom and put them in a vase in the sitting-room, for they brighten up a room a great deal in winter.

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HYACINTHS SET OUT IN JANUARY

This year my hyacinths are to be planted the 5th of January. Other years I have planted them earlier which made them bloom before they will this year, and some springs they came out so early that the cold winds ruined the beautiful stems of the flowers. This fact has caused me to try planting them later.

The soil here is sandy, so is excellent for bulbs and they multiply very rapidly.

Mrs. L. Felton, N. Car.

One of our enthusiastic growers of flowers writes us on November first: "I wish the readers of your Floral Magazine could see my snapdragons. The bed is a mass of gorgeous colors, though we had a slight frost. They bloomed all summer, even during the extremely hot, dry weather.

"With a slight protection this winter they will live through the cold weather and be blooming by Decoration Day."

Mrs. H. R. Vogeler, Mo.

A GOOD WINTER BLOOMER

The Amaryllis Johnsonii is one of the best of winter bloomers if treated right. In the summer give it plenty of ordinary water with manure-water or some other good stimulant twice a week. Then, when you take it in the house, stop watering and keep it dry and dark until Christmas when it is time to put it in a sunny south or west window, giving water sparingly until growth starts. After that water freely, for the buds should start with the first leaves.

On February fifteenth my second crock had just about finished blooming and I had three more to follow. The first had sixteen beautiful red lilies and the last one double that number. After blooming keep them growing to prepare for next season's flowers. Nellie Brewster, N. Y.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PLANTING

An old church had a solid border of Zinnias in rich shades which were beautiful against the gray stone.

Along the shady side of a house Ostrich ferns make a fine background. Bleeding Heart (Dicentra spectabilis) is pretty in front of these, and in the foreground Spanish blue bells (Scilla Hispanica) and Wake Robin (Trillium grandiflorum) are effective. The Scillas come in blue, white and pink, and the Wake Robin blossoms white but turns pink before it fades.

Another background of Ostrich ferns has paeonies and Lilies in the foreground. The Paeonies give the Lilies just the right root shade, and most Lilies do well here, excepting, of course, Lilium Candidum, which likes an open situation.

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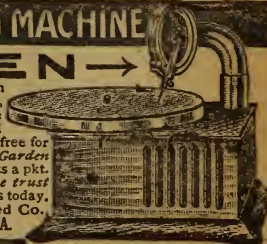
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REVERSION TO TYPE

I ran across something interesting along the line of reversion last summer. A couple of years previously I had given a neighbor some plants of lavatera, the beautiful, rose-pink variety about two feet tall, with bell-shaped flowers three inches across, that makes such a fine show in our garden borders. The lady planted them beneath the windows on the sunny side of the house, and, in due season, they gave the usual good account of themselves with a multitude of their characteristic rose-pink blooms.

One day last summer I was visiting this same lady, and, walking on a tour of inspection through her flower-garden, I noticed a bed of old-fashioned mallows such as I had often seen in the home garden when I was a child, but never lately. These plants grow about two feet tall, somewhat after the style of a hollyhock, with small, pinkish, single flowers about the size of a silver half-dollar borne stiffly along the sparingly leaved stem. It was years since I had seen any of these old-fashioned plants so I asked her where she got them. "Why," she said, "I got them from you. These are the plants you gave me two summers ago." It was in vain that I protested that I had not seen plants like that since I was a boy, let alone grown them. She assured me that no one else had given her any such plants, and that they were, unquestionably, the selfsame ones I had presented her with two summers before.

They were the progeny of the self-sown seed of my lavatera, and that is all there was to it. Knowing the careful and accurate character of my informant, I could not doubt her statement, but these plants were just the homely, old-fashioned mallows of my boyhood days. The beautiful, showy, rose-pink lavatera had vanished and these had taken its place. There was only one possible explanation; the showy and pampered nursing of the hybridist, in just two years of undirected self-propagation, had reverted to the humble parent type out of which it had been developed. I wonder if any of the readers of this Magazine have come across any similar phenomenon in connection with this or any other flower?

Henry Garrioch, N. Dak.

If there are any horse-chestnut or catalpa leaves about your place, gather and burn them, so as to remove as much as possible the recurrence of the leaf blotch disease of the horse-chestnut another year; and the spots on the catalpa.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Can berberis be raised from seed? W. L. L., Ohio.

A. Berberis seed is planted in the fall in flats, or broadcast in your beds, and it will germinate the following season. A moist, light loam that is well drained is best for them. They are also propagated by cuttings. EDITOR.

Q. In what soil should palms be planted? S. E. C., Ohio.

A. Rotted sods make the best soil, with a little peat or sand to make the soil light and more open. EDITOR.

Q. Please tell me something about growing ismene. L. C. K., N. Y.

A. Ismene is Hymenocallis calathina and requires no special treatment other than you give an amaryllis. The same bulbs will bloom year after year if handled carefully. Turfy or peaty soil that will not become sour is best for potting them. EDITOR.

Q. How should I care for my gloxinia when it is not blooming? F. V. K., Pa.

A. When your gloxinias finish flowering gradually withhold water until all the leaves have ripened off, then store the pots for the winter in a temperature around 45 degrees, giving just enough water so the tubers will not dry up. When they show signs of growth, about the middle of February, shake off old soil and re-pot, giving only a little water until active root-growth begins. EDITOR.

Q. What can I do for ants that bother my roses? J. E. K., Ills.

A. Get some tartar emetic from a drug-store and add it, together with a very little sugar, to a thin paste made from flour, and place this in the ant's runway. EDITOR.

Q. When is the best time to transplant and prune lilacs? W. D. A., Ala.

A. Lilacs can be easily transplanted in the early spring or late fall. Pruning is done after blooming, for if done during winter or spring a great many flower buds would be destroyed. EDITOR.

Q. Please tell me how to rid my rambler of mildew. Sulphur does not help it. E. M. C., N. Y.

A. Dusting plants with flowers of sulphur is usually sufficient. If not, spray with potassium sulphid, one ounce to three gallons of water. EDITOR.

Q. What plant is called Shoo-Fly Plant? N. B., Idaho.

A. Nicandra Physalodes, a Peruvian plant, that is said to drive flies away. EDITOR.

Q. What should I do for hollyhock rust? N. B., Ills.

A. Remove and destroy all leaves that have fallen from your hollyhock and examine those remaining for the rust and if any are found diseased destroy them, also. Supplement this work next spring by spraying with Bordeaux Mixture. EDITOR.

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A. Old plants can be cut back and potted in September and when they start into new growth the soft wood furnishes easily rooted cuttings which should be kept warm and repotted in April. Or prune your plants severely and keep them, potted in fresh soil, indoors, at a temperature anywhere above 40 degrees, and in May they will be perfect specimens covered with blooms.—EDITOR.

Q. Will Cyclamen bloom this winter if seed is sown now? M. C. K., Ohio.

A. Cyclamen seed is best sown in early winter months and, if grown without any check, should bloom freely in about fifteen months.—EDITOR.

Q. Is it customary for Wondering Jew to bloom? Mine did this year, but I never knew one to bloom before. C. R. W., N. Y.

A. Wandering Jew, Tradescantia, often blooms during the summer, the petals of the white flowers very much resembling the leaves.—EDITOR.

Q. Is there a plant called Leopard Plant? K. G. O., Idaho.

A. Leopard Plant is Ligularia Kaempferi. One form has green leaves spotted with yellow and another has white-spotted leaves, while a third is edged with creamy white. In catalogues you will often find it listed as Farfugium grande, by which name the variety aureo-maculatus is known.—EDITOR.

Q. How long does it take Cannas to reach blooming size from seed? C. B., Iowa.

A. If Canna seed is sown in flats or pots in late winter, transplanted so as to give plenty of room, and set out when weather permits, it should give blooming plants the first year.—EDITOR.

Q. Please tell me how to care for Lantanas in winter. A. L., Kans.

A. Mix some iron filings with the soil in which your Hydrangea is planted and your blossoms will gradually turn blue.—EDITOR.

Q. Can you give me some remedy for the Cabbage Root Maggot? F. C. F., Md.

A. Place tarred paper discs around the stems when the plants are set. Practice crop rotation.—EDITOR.

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Q. What do you mean in your catalogue when you write fl.pl. after the name of a flower? R. M. S., Va.

A. Fl. pl. stands for the Latin flore-pleno, meaning "with full or double flowers".—EDITOR.

Q. Can Crinums be left outdoors in the winter if protected? L. M., N. Y.

A. The two species, C. longiflorum and C. Moorei, and their hybrid, C. Powellii, are hardy in northern states. The first two need slight protection, but the third, and most reliable, needs no protection south of New York city. C. variabile is hardy south of Ohio.—EDITOR.

Q. Is the jasmine a hardy plant, or a winter bloomer in the house? R. R., Wyo.

A. It is hardy in the south, but must be potted in the house in the north. EDITOR.

Q. Please tell me why my Pelargoniums fail to bloom. M. E. B., Mass.

A. Soil rich in chemicals or animal fertilizer produces rank growth of leaves and no flowers, and too much water at any period during the hot weather reduces the quantity of blooms. EDITOR.

Q. Can lilacs be grafted or budded on shade trees? If so, on what kinds? When should scions be cut for cleft grafting? W. M. C., Ind.

A. Lilacs will grow when grafted on the Ash and California privet, but the two woods seldom unite perfectly and the plants do not live very long. They can be propagated by seeds, suckers, layering and cuttings of the larger roots. Grafting is done in the spring, just before, or soon after, the sap begins to flow most rapidly. EDITOR.

Q. Please tell me what to use to rid phlox of the red spider. W. F. R., Ohio.

A. Syringe your phlox with salt water for the red spider. They thrive in dry weather, but moisture eradicates the pest. EDITOR.

Q. How can ampelopsis quinquefolia be propagated? W. M. C., Ind.

A. All ampelopsis may be propagated by cuttings placed in sandy soil under bell-shaped glasses in September. They are also grown from seed. EDITOR.

Q. When should oriental poppy roots be divided? D. M., Vt.

A. When the roots are dormant, in late July or August, after they have finished blooming, is the best time to divide the oriental poppy roots. If divided in spring they should not bloom that season. EDITOR.

Q. Will someone please tell me the culture of hoya rnocasa, wax-plant? H. C. Mo.

A. After blooming season, in summer, keep the plant in a cool place, so it will rest. In late winter or spring, start it into growth. Do not cut off the spur that is left after the blossom fades, as this bears flowers again. In growing and blooming season give plenty of sun and air. The plants are easy to raise. EDITOR.

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A sorry sight it was, yet still
 Its leaves the marks of beauty bore;
 Though soiled with dust, its petals far
 A velvet softness wore.

But as I raised its drooping form
 And sought its sorrows thus to share,
 Behold! A fragrance wondrous sweet
 Was wafted on the air.

My heart was touched as I perceived
 How meekly its distress was borne;
 And I at once from grieving turned
 To love the flower forlorn.

For there it lay, serene and still,
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I think perhaps I made the soil too rich and the heavy growth was made at the expense of flowers; another year I shall use more sand. The can was on an east porch all summer and the plants required frequent watering. I am slowly drying them off now, keeping them potted until perhaps February when I shall start them into growth again.

Ida A. Cope, Calif.

Dear Floral Friends: I would like to tell you my way of rooting gloxinia leaves to start new bulbs, a way which I found out quite by accident. I took some matured leaves and broke them up in pieces and stuck them in the ground among other plants where they remained undisturbed until time for frost. There were numerous bulbs formed, some as large as hickory nuts. If I had started them earlier they would have had more time to develop.

I removed the little bulblets from the leaves and discovered that there were, in some cases, even four or five attached to one leaf. The bulblets were put in small jars of dirt and kept moist all winter, so as not to wither, and in the spring they sprouted. The leaves kept green all summer and did not rot or decay. I had been told they must not be wet for they would not stand water on the leaves, but those I set out stood rain and sun and all kinds of summer weather. I planted them in sandy soil and set them where they had the sun nearly all day.—Mrs. E. R. Grover, Conn.

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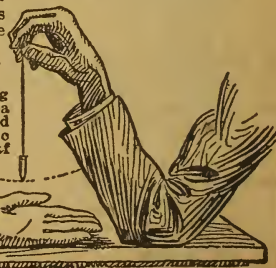


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there can be little doubt that the pile containing the matter, animate and inanimate, whose destruction is an advantage to us, would be notably the larger."

Our nearest approach to the European reindeer (*Rangifer tarandus*), which is domesticated in Lapland, and is supposed to be the reindeer which St. Nick drives over the country at Christmas time, is the Woodland Caribou, found in the woods of Canada and the northern United States. In winter caribou keep to the thickets, living on moss and lichens, but in summer they wander out into the open stretches of country and pasture on the coarse sedge-grasses. W. M. J. Long in his "Wilderness Ways" writes: "Caribou are naturally poor jumpers. Besides a deer, who often goes out of his way to jump fallen trees just for the fun of it, they have no show whatever; though they can travel much further in a day and much easier. Their gait is a swinging trot from which it is impossible to jump; and if you frighten them out of their trot into a gallop and keep them at it they never grow exhausted."

One characteristic of deer and their allies (Family Cervidae) is their solid horns, or antlers, which are shed once a year. At first the new horns are soft and covered with down; then they are said to be "in the velvet." The horns grow rapidly and when they become hard the velvet wears off or is rubbed off. Saplings of pine and poplar are said to be the favorite rubbing posts of the American Elk when he wants to free his antlers from the velvet. Large antlers that are much branched indicate an old animal.

It would take much more space than we have to even tell a part of the interesting lives animals lead, but let us, as a Club, read about them and observe their ways and get better acquainted with them. Make a note of anything you see that is of interest, for the boys and girls who are making a study of nature now may be the great naturalists of the future.

AMONG OURSELVES

A Happy New Year everybody! Does it seem as if a year had gone by since we were moving last year's Christmas tree out, and fastening nuts and scraps of meat and suet on its branches to feed the winter birds? The Bird Woman hopes every member of the Pine Tree Nature Club has enjoyed the year's work.

We have, this month, five new members from Lanesboro, Mass., as follows: Marjorie Miller, Lawrence Roberts, Francis Manns, Ethel Crandall and David Kessler.

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PINE CONES

In the Outlook of July 20, 1921 is a very interesting article entitled "The Beaver Claims His Birthright." The article is by Mr. Enos A. Mills, who for a quarter of a century has eulogized the beaver. We read with deep regret that upon September 21 of this year, the great naturalist and author died at his home at Long's Peak, Colorado.

We would like to quote Mr. Mills' article in full, but we have space for only an extract or two:

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PINE NEEDLES

December Questions

- I. What animal is the swiftest runner on the Continent?
- II. What animal has the most valuable pelt of any North American quadruped?
- III. How does the sea otter sleep with her young?
- IV. When do skunks remind one of Indians on the war-path?
- V. How does the mother bat carry her babies when she goes hunting?
- VI. In what position do bats sleep?
- VII. In what kind of weather are mice in housewalls most noisy?
- VIII. Why do the teeth of rodents never wear out?
- IX. How does the muskrat warn its mates of danger?
- X. How does an old grizzly bear "post" his hunting grounds?

ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER QUESTIONS

- I. Phoebe.
- II. The Belted Kingfisher excavates a hole four or five feet in depth, some-

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III. Swallows, Red-winged Blackbirds, Chimney Swifts.

IV. The Ovenbird's nest is placed among dead leaves on the ground in dry woods; it is made of dead leaves, skeleton leaves and roots, and is roofed over, with the opening at the side.

V. In an old apple orchard where mice are plentiful.

VI. The Phoebe will return year after year, often remodeling and occupying the old nest; Crested Flycatchers build in the same hole years in succession, as also do some of the owls. Hawks and crows keep the same nest indefinitely, adding to it each season.

VII. In the nests of other birds.

VIII. The Ruby-throat saddles its tiny nest on a branch; it is covered with lichen, and looks like a little mossy knot.

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Last summer we took a trip through the northern and western states into California, and from Nebraska to the coast I saw cleome pungens growing wild, even on the Red Desert in Wyoming. It was only about six inches high there, but in some other states I saw it growing as tall as six feet and as big around as a snow-ball bush, the stem of the plant as large as a broom handle. In some states the flower was a beautiful pink, while in others it was of a very pale color. Since I have seen spider plants growing on the desert I am sure they will grow anywhere, and have therefore stopped giving the plants any extra care in my flower garden.

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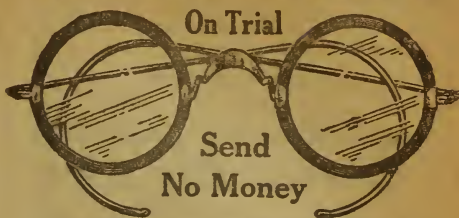
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In the changeful colors of autumn gay,
For a frost had fallen the night before
And left the green that Nature wore.

A bitter frost! for the night was chill,
The night was dark and the wind was still.
His wife knew not where the hunter went,
Or how the last of his days were spent.
The night passed on, and the moon went down
To the hills of the west, like a golden crown.

He never came back, yet they found him soon,
In the burning sun of the morrow noon,
And he was sleeping a sleep of death,
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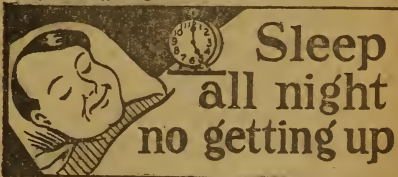
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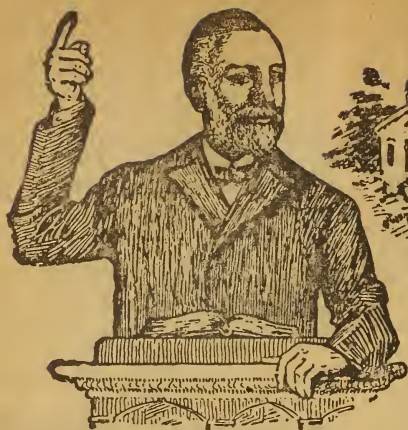
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